

Today's Focus: Taking Care of One Another

- Most of the book of Acts is **descriptive** and not **prescriptive**.
- ***Book of Acts is not a story of super believers but ordinary believers who allowed the Holy Spirit to lead them.*** This gives us hope because if we allow the Holy Spirit to be in full control, he will use us as well.

Read Acts 4:32-37

A Quick Review: Acts 1:1-4:31

The Scripture Text: Acts 4:32-37

Acts 4:32-37 IS NOT saying...

- Believers in Christ are **supposed** to **sell everything they have**, and **share their possessions**.
- **Disparity** in wealth or material possessions among believers in Christ is **evil**.

Acts 4:32-37 IS saying...

- When the **Holy Spirit is at work in us**, we will **take care of one another** when they are in need.

Kingdom Priority for Meeting Needs

1 Timothy 5:8 & Mark 7:9-12/ Galatians 6:10/ Luke 10:25-37

Questions and Scriptures for Further Study

(For the Week of June 25, 2023)

1. The ultimate motivation for generosity is simply as a response to all Jesus has done for us. Understanding and being genuinely thankful for what Jesus has done for us is often a first step in developing a generous mindset. What blessings from Christ are found in the following verses that could inspire generosity?

1 Timothy 1:16-17

1 Timothy 2:3-6

1 Peter 1:3-5

2. One of the keys to building generosity into your life is learning to be content with what you have. How can the principles in Matthew 6:25-27, 33-34 help you grow in your ability to be content with much or with little?

3. The Bible is quite clear that Christians are to help those in need, especially during a time of crisis. How could the following verses help you discern which needs you should seek to meet and which ones to let go?

Matthew 25:37-40

Jeremiah 22:15-16

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10

1 Timothy 5:8

4. In light of the "Kingdom Priority for Meeting Needs", are there any needs you want to consider meeting?